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SUBJ: SENEGALESE-GUINEAN RELATIONS: GOS DEMARCHE TO OAU

REF: LAGOS 7782 (NOTAL)

1. FONMIN DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS TOLD EMBOFF
THAT GOS MESSAGE TO VAU CHAIRMAN GOWON REQUESTED THAT AD HOC
MEDIATION COMMITTEE OF SEVEN HEADS OF STATE SET UP IN JUNE
1971 TO MEDIATE BETWEEN SENEGAL AND GUINEA EXAMINE CHARGES
MADE BY SEKOU TOURE. GOS BELIEVES CHARGES ARE PATENTLY
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BASELESS AND THAT THIS WOULD SOON BECOME EVIDENT TO

COMMITTEE. ACCORDING SYLLA, GOS SPECIFICALLY AVOIDED ASKING FOR MEDIATION WHICH IT CONSIDERS IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN SITUATION.

2. WHILE GOS REGARDS ATTACKS AS IN GREAT PART MOTIVATED BY PARANOIA AND TOUR'S NEED DIVERT HIS PEOPLE'S ATTENTION FROM DOMESTIC PROBLEMS, IT ALSO SEES BEHIND THE ATTACKS OLD GUINEAN FRUSTRATION OVER GOS REFUSAL TO TURN OVER GUINEAN POLITICAL REFUGEES IN SENEGAL TO TOURE REGIME. IN THE PAST SENEGAL HAD GONE AS FAR AS OUSTING FROM ITS TERRITORY SOME OF THOSE TOURE HAD OBJECTED TO BUT, ACCORDING TO SYLLA, THAT DID NO GOOD WSD GOS WOULD NOT WISH MAKE ANY SUCH FUTILE CONCESSION AGAIN. OF COURSE, THERE IS NO CHANCE GOS WOULD SURRENDER REFUGEES OUTRIGHT TO TOURE.

3. MEDIATION COMMITTEE WHICH MANAGED PAPER OVER DIFFERENCES GUINEA AND SENEGAL IN MONROVIA LAST SPRING INCLUDES AS CHAIRMAN, HAILE SELASSIE AND AS MEMBERS, TOLBERT, TRAORE, GOWON, AHIDJO, AND BOUMEDIENNE.

4. COMMENT: SENGHOR WHO DIRECTING THIS OPERATION IS PROBABLY UNDER NO ILLUSIONS THAT MEDIATION COMMITTEE IF RECONSTITUTED WOULD TAKE PUBLIC STAND FAVORING SENEGAL. TO SOME EXTENT HIS MOVE MAY HAVE BEEN A TACTICAL PLOY TO ESTABLISH HIMSELF AS THE AGGRIEVED PARTY AND THE TRUE SEEKER OF CONCORD AND AFRICAN UNITY. SENGHOR MAY ALSO HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT THE OAU COMMITTEE CAN QUIETLY INDUCE TOURE TO CALL OFF HIS PROPAGANDA ATTACKS. RADIO GUINEA HAS A CONSIDERABLE AUDIENCE IN SENEGAL AND GUINEAN RADIO BROADCASTS EVEN IF NOT TAKEN AT FACE VALUE CAN STILL DO HARM TO SENGHOR'S IMAGE, ALREADY SUBJECT TO CONSTANT, IF UNORGANIZED, SNIPING FROM SENEGALESE RADICALS.
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